

Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2019 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 11	Mar 11
Feb	Mar 22	Mar 26
Mar	Apr 19	Apr 23
Apr	May 17	May 21
May	Jun 21	Jun 25
Jun	Jul 19	Jul 23
Jul	Aug 16	Aug 20
Aug	Sep 20	Sep 24
Sep	Oct 18	Oct 22
Oct	Nov 19	Nov 19
Nov	Dec 20	Dec 24
Dec	Jan 24	Jan 28

Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Iowa Statewide Employment	Manufacturing Employment
2019	Mar	1,584,500	227,800
	Apr	1,589,000	228,400
	May	1,589,300	228,500
	Jun	1,593,100	229,900
	Jul	1,594,900	229,400
	Aug	1,595,600	228,700
	Sep	1,596,100	228,600
	Oct	1,596,100	228,600

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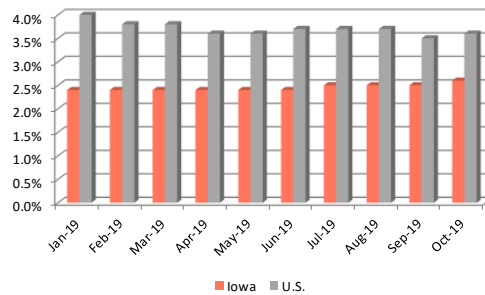
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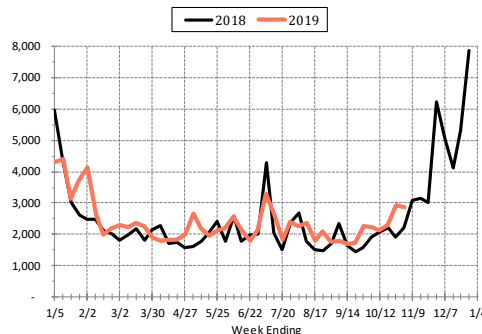
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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates 2019



- Iowa's unemployment rate increased to 2.6 percent in October. The state's jobless rate was 2.4 percent one year ago.
- The state's total employment level rose to 1,703,400 in October from 1,694,300 in September.
- The U.S. unemployment rate rose to 3.6 percent in October.

Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance



Source: Iowa Workforce Development, Labor Market Information

- Average weekly UI initial claims increased by 424 from 2,064 in October 2018 to 2,487 in October 2019. Manufacturing layoffs accounted for most of the increase.
- Year-to-date initial claims are running 8.0 percent higher than 2018.

- Iowa establishments remained unchanged versus September. Overall, five of ten private sectors had no movement since last month.
- Professional and business services let all super sectors with 500 jobs added. Most of those gains were in professional, scientific, and technical services.
- Financial activities shed 400 jobs following moderately large gains of 900 in each of the last two months. This sector is down slightly compared to last year.
- Construction decreased slightly this month (-100) which halts a streak of job gains stretching back to April.
- Manufacturing was unchanged versus last month. Prior to October, this sector has pared jobs in three straight months. Most of the losses have been in non-durable goods shops.
- Iowa total nonfarm employment remains up 7,800 jobs despite the sluggish hiring in October. Manufacturing leads all sectors with 2,800 jobs added annually.
- U.S. total nonfarm employment increased by 128,000 jobs in October. This total was partially hampered by a strike in manufacturing.

Iowa Total Nonfarm Employment January 2018 - October 2019

